



# INSTRUCTIONS

FROM THE

COURT of DIRECTORS

OF THE

United Company of Merchants of *England*,  
Trading to the *East-Indies*;

T O

*Warren Hastings*, Esquire, Governor-General, Lieutenant-General *John Clavering*, the Honourable *George Monson*, *Richard Barwell*, Esquire, and *Philip Francis*, Esquire, Counsellors, constituted and appointed the Governor-General and Council of the said United Company's Presidency of *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, by an Act of Parliament, passed in the last Session, Intituled,  
“ *An Act for establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe.*”

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Preamble.

The Legislature of this Kingdom having entrusted you with the Civil and Military Government of the said Presidency of *Fort William*, and also with the ordering, Management, and Government of all the Territorial Acquisitions and Revenues in the Kingdoms of *Bengal*, *Babar* and *Orissa*, for the Term, and in the Manner directed and prescribed by the said Act, (to which you will refer yourselves, with respect to the Execution of such Powers, and the Observance of such Rules and Directions therein contained, as are incumbent on you to execute and perform) We, the said COURT OF DIRECTORS, in virtue of the Power reserved in the said Act, whereby the said Governor-General and Council, for the Time being, are directed and required to pay due Obedience to all such Orders as they shall receive from the COURT OF DIRECTORS of the said United Company, do now proceed to give you such Orders and Instructions, to be by you executed and put in force, as appear to Us the most prudent and effectual for the good Government and Management of the Company's Affairs in *India*.

## I.

Harmony recommended, and Attention to the Preservation of Peace in India, and Security of the Company's Revenues.

AND First, after earnestly recommending to you the most perfect Harmony amongst yourselves, as an Object of the highest concern to the prosperity of the Company, and the due Execution of the great Trust reposed in you, We direct, that you fix your Attention to the preservation of Peace throughout India, and to the Security of the Possessions and Revenues of the Company.

II. We



## II.

WE direct, that you assemble in Council twice in every Week, and that all the Members be duly summoned; that the Correspondence with the Princes, or Country Powers in India, be carried on by the Governor-General only; but that all Letters to be sent by him, be first approved in Council, and that he lay before the Council, at their next meeting, all Letters received by him in the course of such Correspondence, for their information: We likewise direct, that a Copy of such Parts of the Country-Correspondence be communicated to our Board of Trade, (to be constituted as hereinafter mentioned) as may in any way relate to the business of their Department.

Regulation of  
Proceedings  
of Council;  
and Correspondence  
with Country  
Powers.

## III.

As it is now become unlawful for the Presidents and Councils of our other Settlements to make Peace or War with any Indian Powers, or to conclude any Treaties with such Powers, without your Consent or Approbation, except in cases of imminent necessity, or where they shall have received special Orders from the Company, We direct, that you attentively view the general posture of Our Affairs in India, respecting the Country Powers, their Interests, and probable connexions with each other, with Us, and other European Nations; and that you take such Measures, as shall, upon the whole, be most conducive to our general Interest: and in all your Deliberations and Resolutions, that you make the Safety and Prosperity of Bengal your principal Object; and in all Treaties with Indian Powers, or Conventions with European Nations, whereby our Commerce can be affected, we direct, that before any such Treaties shall be agreed to by you, you take the opinion of our Board of Trade thereon in writing.

Treaties with  
Indian Powers.

## IV.

As the welfare of the Company must in a great measure depend on the proper Management of their Commercial Affairs in Bengal, and particularly on receiving well chosen Investments, in order that those valuable purposes

Establishment  
of a Board of  
Trade, with  
Power to appoint  
subordinate  
Officers.



purposes may be answered, we have judged it expedient to establish a Board of Trade; and thinking it incumbent on us to avail ourselves of the abilities and experience of our late Council, We therefore direct, that Samuel Middleton, William Aldersey, John Reed, Philip Milner Dacres, Thomas Lane, James Lawrell, Henry Goodwin, John Graham, William Lambert, George Vanfittart, and Nicholas Grueber, being our Eleven Senior Civil Servants, be our Board of Trade, for managing, conducting, and transacting our Trade and Commerce in Bengal, Bahar and Orissa; and We hereby empower Our said Board of Trade to appoint subordinate Officers and Agents under them, from amongst our covenanted Servants only; and to suspend or remove any such Officers or Agents, when they shall find it necessary for our Interest so to do; but in every appointment made by our Board of Trade, We direct, that they do not require any Person, who shall be employed by the Governor-General and Council in the Collection or Management of the Revenues, to execute any Office under the said Board; it being our intention, that none of our Servants shall hold Employments in those different Departments at the same Time.

## V.

Appointment  
of President  
of the Board  
of Trade.

WE hereby appoint Samuel Middleton, Esq; President of our Board of Trade; and in case of his Death, Resignation or Removal, the Senior Member in Rank shall succeed.

## VI.

Seven Mem-  
bers of the  
Board of  
Trade to reside  
at Calcutta,  
and four  
to be Chiefs  
of Subordi-  
nates, or Re-  
sidents at the  
Aurungs.

THAT *Seven* Members of the Board do constantly reside at Calcutta; That *Four* be appointed Chiefs of Subordinates, or Residents at the Aurungs, as the Board shall deem necessary; and that the Appointment to each Chiefship, or Residency, be determined by a separate Ballot of the Members of the Board; but that no such Chief, or Resident, be permitted to remain at the same Subordinate, or Aurung, for more than three Years successively.

## VII.

Mode of Pro-  
ceedings of  
the Board of

WE order and direct our Board of Trade, in case any Member of the said Board, being resident at Calcutta, or at the Aurungs, or Chief of a subordinate



ordinate Factory, be at any Time charged with Negligence in the Execution of the Trust reposed in him, or Disobedience of Orders, that they summon him to the Board, and that he be made acquainted in writing with all Accusations preferred against him; that he have a reasonable Time to make his Defence; and that if the Charge be proved to their Satisfaction, they suspend him from the Company's Service; and if he shall be charged with any Offence, cognizable by the Supreme Court of Judicature, that they cause him forthwith to be prosecuted for the same.

Trade, against  
any of their  
own Members

VIII.

THAT in case of the Death or Removal of any Member of the Board of Trade, the next senior Servant upon the Civil Establishment, do immediately succeed to a Seat at that Board, until our Pleasure be known.

Succession to  
the Board of  
Trade, by  
Seniority.

IX.

THAT in case of the Death or Removal of a Chief of a Subordinate Factory, or Resident at any Aurung, a Successor be chosen by Ballot, by the Members of our Board of Trade then resident at Calcutta; and in every case where the number of Votes shall be found equal, that the same be finally determined by drawing Lots.

Vacancies at  
Subordinates  
to be filled by  
Ballot of the  
Members of  
the Board.

X.

THAT all Orders to the Aurungs, or to subordinate Factories, be signed by at least Four Members of the Board of Trade, residing at Calcutta.

Orders to  
Subordinates  
to be signed  
by four Mem-  
bers.

XI.

It is our Order, That our Board of Trade assemble twice in every Week; That Five Members, and not a less Number, do constitute a Board; That  
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Order of Pro-  
ceedings of  
the Board of  
Trade.



they regularly enter all their Proceedings upon Consultation, and all Differents, if such shall at any time be made by any Member of the said Board, together with all Letters received and sent in their Department; That Copies thereof, signed by the Members of the Board, be from time to time delivered to you, and by you transmitted to us, and Duplicates by the next Conveyance, as hath been usually practised by our President and Council, respecting their Consultations and Proceedings; And that if the Board of Trade shall at any time have particular Information or Remarks, which they shall think necessary to communicate to Us, the same be transmitted by you; And We further direct, that you transmit at the same time your Sentiments at large upon the Subject.

## XII.

Senior Member of the Board to preside in the Absence of the President.

THAT in case of Sickness of the President, or of his being unavoidably prevented from attending at any Meeting of the Board of Trade, the senior Member, who may then be present, do take the Chair; and that the Board do thereupon proceed to the Dispatch of Business.

## XIII.

Salaries of the Board of Trade.

THAT there be paid to the President of our Board of Trade £.2000 Sterling, *per Annum*; and to each of the other Members of the said Board £.1500 *per Annum*, by quarterly Payments; which Sums are to be in lieu of Commission upon the Revenues, and in full for Salary, Diet Money, and every Emolument, except such Advantages as may arise from carrying on a legal Trade, and the usual Commission to the President on Coral and Diamonds, which we direct to be given to him.

## XIV.

Requisition for Money by the Board of

We hereby direct, That you issue from Time to Time to our Board of Trade, such Sums of Money as they shall require, in order to make the



the usual Advances to the Aurungs, and for all necessary Payments respecting the Company's Investment, or other Disbursements in their Department.

Trade to be complied with.

# XV.

WE direct, That in the Collection and Management of the Revenues, you continue such of our Servants, as are, or have been employed with reputation in that Department; and that you leave under the direction of our Board of Trade, those of our Servants whom they may report to you as skilled in the provision of the Company's Investment.

Servants employed in Collection of the Revenues to be continued; and those skilled in the Investments to be under the Direction of the Board of Trade.

# XVI.

WHEN you take into Consideration the Salaries to be allowed to the Officers employed in the Revenue Department, We recommend the strictest Economy, and direct, that no greater Salaries be established, than the importance of their several Stations may render necessary; which Salaries are to be deemed provisional only, until they shall have received our Approbation.

Salaries to Officers in the Revenue Department to be provisional only.

# XVII.

IT is our Intention to consign all our Bengal Ships directly to you; but we shall make separate Invoices of such Parts of their Cargoes as may be intended for Sale, and consign the same to our Board of Trade; who are hereby directed to apply the Produce thereof towards the Provision of our Investment. Our Orders for Investments will be transmitted through your hands to our Board of Trade; and if at any time We should require an Investment larger than your Finances may enable them to furnish, you are to signify to the said Board of Trade, what diminution you may deem necessary, and direct them to limit their Purchases accordingly; but in all transactions of this nature, We shall hold you responsible for any deviation from Our Orders.

Consignments of Ships to be made to the Governor General and Council, and separate Invoices to the Board of Trade.

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Proceedings  
of Board of  
Trade to be  
inquired into  
by the Gover-  
nor General  
and Council.

We empower and direct you to enquire, from time to time, into the Books, Correspondence, Accounts, and Proceedings of our Board of Trade, in order that you may be fully informed of the measures taken, and provisions made for lading our Ships with proper Cargoes for Europe, and for compleating such Cargoes in due Time; and that you communicate to us such Observations as may occur to you thereon, and particularly if you should observe any misconduct in their Department, that you inform us thereof by the earliest Opportunity.

## XIX.

Members of  
the Board of  
Trade to be  
prosecuted for  
Breach of  
Trust or Op-  
pression.

If any Member of our Board of Trade shall appear to you guilty of embezzlement of the Company's Money, or of Oppression, or of any other breach of the Trust reposed in him by Us, We direct, that you forthwith cause him to be prosecuted for the same in the Supreme Court of Judicature, to be established under the said Act of Parliament.

## XX.

Vacancies in  
the Service to  
be filled by  
Persons next  
in Rank. Ac-  
cusations a-  
gainst Compa-  
ny's Servants  
to be made in  
Writing;  
Time to be  
allowed for  
Defence; and  
all Proceed-  
ings to be  
transmitted to  
Europe.

If any of the Company's Servants, Civil or Military (except the Members of our Board of Trade, whom We do not make liable to your Suspension) shall at any Time be suspended by you from the execution of his Office, or any vacancy shall happen by Resignation, or Death, it is our Order and Direction, that the Person next in Rank, Office, or Rotation, be appointed to supply such vacancy in our Civil or Military Service, until our Pleasure shall be known. We also further direct, that before the removal of any Company's Servant from any Office, the Party be made acquainted, in writing, with the accusation preferred against him; that he be summoned to make his defence, having a reasonable time allowed him for that purpose; and that you proceed on all such occasions with the greatest tenderness and cir-  
cumpection;



cumspection; and We further direct, that all such charges made before you, against any of our Servants in your department, with all proceedings thereon, be regularly entered upon your Consultations, and with them transmitted to us.

## XXI.

As it hath frequently happened, in our intercourse with the native Manufacturers of Bengal, that by Reason of advances made to them at the beginning, they have been largely indebted to us at the close of the Season, it is our express Direction, that you afford effectual Assistance to our Board of Trade, for obtaining full payment of all outstanding debts, due from the Natives of Bengal to the Company, upon application made by our Board of Trade to you for that purpose.

Assistance to be given to Board of Trade for recovering Debts due to the Company.

## XXII.

AND as the Agents of Foreign Companies, Free Merchants, and others, may greatly embarrass our Board of Trade in the Provision of our Investments, by obtaining from the Company's Manufacturers the Goods manufactured by Means of our Advances; we direct, that you forthwith form such Regulations, as shall effectually guard our property against attempts of this nature.

Agents of foreign Companies, free Merchants and others, to be prevented from embarrassing the Board of Trade.

## XXIII.

WE direct, that so soon as possible after the arrival of these our Orders and Instructions at Fort William, you summon Samuel Middleton, William Aldersey, John Reed, Philip Milner Dacres, Thomas Lane, James Lawrell, Henry Goodwin, John Graham, William Lambert, George Vansittart, and Nicholas Grueber, being our Eleven Senior Civil Servants, to assemble within Thirty Days at Calcutta; and that you deliver to them an authenticated Copy of these our Instructions; and it is our Order, that our said Servants, immediately upon receipt of such Copy, do forthwith proceed to carry into Execution, such Parts as any ways relate to the Establishment or Conduct of a Board of Trade in Bengal.

Eleven Senior Servants to be summoned to Calcutta; and Copy of Instructions to be deliver'd to them.



## XXIV.

Governor  
General and  
Council to  
give Assis-  
tance to the  
Board of  
Trade.

HAVING thus communicated to you our Ideas on the subject of the Company's Investments, under the direction of a Board of Trade, we most earnestly recommend, that you cordially unite with our Servants in that Department, and that you afford them every Assistance in your Power, in order to enable them to answer the essential Purposes intended by their Appointment.

## XXV.

Europeans  
not to exercise  
any Office in  
the Compa-  
ny's Service,  
unless autho-  
rised by the  
Court of Di-  
rectors.

As we have never permitted our Governor and Council, or our Select Committee in Bengal, to admit Europeans into our Service, unless by the Appointment of the Court of Directors; nor to license Free Merchants, Free Mariners, or others to reside in India; we expressly direct, that you do not, on any account, or under any pretence whatsoever, suffer any European to hold any Post, or to exercise any Office in our Service, Civil or Military, who shall not have been appointed, or admitted into the Company's Service, by the express Authority of the Court of Directors.

## XXVI.

Copies of such  
Parts of Let-  
ters or Advices  
as are to be  
deliver'd to  
the Lords of  
the Treasury,  
or Secretary of  
State, are to  
be transmitted  
to the Court  
of Directors  
by every Ship.

You will observe, that by the before-mentioned Act, you are required to correspond with the Court of Directors, from time to time, and constantly and diligently to transmit to them exact Particulars of all Advices or Intelligence, and of all Transactions and Matters that shall come to your Knowledge, relating to the Government, Commerce, Revenues, or Interest of the Company; and that the Court of Directors are required, within Fourteen Days after the Receipt of any such Letters or Advices, to deliver in to the Lords of the Treasury, a Copy of such Parts of the said Letters or Advices, as shall any way relate to the Management of the Company's Revenues; and in like manner, to deliver in to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a Copy of all such Parts of the said Letters and Advices, as shall any way relate to their Civil and Military Affairs, and Government: In order, therefore,



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therefore, to enable us to comply with the Directions of the said Act, We hereby order and direct, that you transmit to us, by every Ship, an exact Copy, and a Duplicate by the next Conveyance, of all such Parts of your Letters and Advices, as are by this Law directed to be delivered to the Lords of the Treasury, and to His Majesty's Secretary of State respectively; and that every Copy and Duplicate be authenticated under the Hands of the Governor-General and Council.

XXVII.

In your Correspondence with the Court of Directors, it is our Order, That the most regular and precise Intelligence be from time to time communicated, respecting the Commerce, the number of Forces, and the general Strength of all foreign Companies in India; and such Intelligence must, so far as it is practicable, be continued by every British Ship which shall sail for Europe.

Intelligence  
respecting fo-  
reign Compa-  
nies to be  
communi-  
cated.

XXVIII.

Our Military Expenses at Bengal having increased to a degree which is become insupportable to us, We in an especial manner enjoin you to make strict enquiry into the Causes of such increase, and particularly into the number of Lascars, Draught Bullocks, and Boats kept for the use of the Army; into Contracts for supplying the Troops with Provisions, and into all contingent Charges; and we direct, that you forthwith retrench every superfluous Charge, and reduce every incidental Expense to the lowest Sum possible.

Military Ex-  
penses to be  
enquired into  
and superflu-  
ous Charges  
retrenched.

XXIX.

HAVING found it necessary to limit expressly the Charges of erecting, repairing, or compleating Fortifications, Barracks, and all other Publick Buildings in Bengal and its Dependencies, to the annual Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling, and having given Orders to our Governor

Annual Ex-  
pense of pub-  
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restricted to  
One Hundred  
Thousand  
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Accounts of Ex-  
penditure to  
be sent to the  
Court of Di-  
rectors.

Governor and Council to that Purpose; we hereby confirm our said Orders, and direct, that you, on no account or pretence whatever, permit more than the said Sum to be annually expended on the above-mentioned Services; and that the keeping of our Fortifications and Public Works in a defensible state and condition, be first considered in the Expenditure thereof, until a further reduction can take place; and that a very exact and particular account of such Expenditure be transmitted to us by every opportunity, with your Sentiments and Observations minutely on the State of the said Works and Fortifications.

## XXX.

Orders rela-  
tive to the Su-  
preme Court  
of Judicature;  
and to the  
Fees of the  
Clerks and  
Ministerial  
Officers.

As in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, a Supreme Court of Judicature, consisting of a Chief Justice and Three other Judges, is intended to be erected at Fort William in Bengal, to exercise and perform all Civil, Criminal, Admiralty, and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction at the said Presidency; we direct, that upon the establishment of such Court, you give all necessary Assistance to the Judges; that you provide a Court-House, and proper Offices for such Clerks and Ministerial Officers as shall be appointed by them; and when the Fees to be payable to the Officers of the Supreme Court are fixed, we direct, that you cause Tables thereof to be hung up in the most publick Places, in the different Languages of the Country; that no Person take more than such Fees, upon pain of being dismissed; and you will take into consideration, the amount of those Fees, in approving the Salaries of the respective Officers; and you are to transmit to us, so soon as possible, a particular account of such Salaries and Fees.

## XXXI.

Salaries to be  
paid to the  
Governor-Ge-  
neral and  
Council; and  
to the Judges,  
and Officers of  
the Court of  
Judicature.

WE direct, that you duly pay to the Governor-General, to each of the Council, to the Chief Justice, and to each of the Judges, the several Salaries established by the said Act; observing at the same time, that those ample Salaries given to them by Parliament, are to be in lieu of all Fees of Office, Perquisites, Emoluments, or Advantages whatsoever, and therefore that we are not to be at any further expense on their Account; and as the Officers

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of the Court are to be allowed such Salaries as shall be approved by the Governor-General and Council, we recommend the strictest frugality in that respect; and direct, that no greater Allowances be made to any of them, than their respective Stations shall require.

## XXXII.

BUT in consideration of our respect for Warren Hastings, Esquire, we direct, that he continue to enjoy our principal House, together with the Plate and Furniture, both in Town and Country, Rent-free; and that our President of the Board of Trade shall, in like manner, have his choice of the next best House belonging to the Company, without the payment of any Rent.

Governor  
Hastings, and  
the President  
of Board of  
Trade, to be  
allowed om-  
pany's Houses

## XXXIII.

As the reduction of our Debt on Bond, or Interest Notes in Bengal, is of the utmost Consequence to our Prosperity; we recommend it to you, to pay every attention to this Object, consistent with the safety and protection of our Possessions, and with the Requisitions that shall be made to you for our Investments.

Reduction of  
Bond Debt in  
Bengal re-  
commended.

## XXXIV.

THE Lands and Farms of the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar, and Orissa, having been already let by our Governor and Council, and chiefly upon Lease for a Term of Years, we have approved of the Conduct of our said Governor and Council in letting them; and in case it should happen, that any Lands or Farms fall to the Company, before the expiration of the Time for which they have been let, our Order is, that you advertise for Proposals, and proceed in the same Manner, to relet such Lands and Farms, as hath heretofore been done, to the highest Bidders, who may be able to give good security for the performance of their engagements. And it is our Order and Direction, that no forbearance of Rent be permitted when due, nor any diminution or abatement of Revenue made, until, upon full representation to you, of all circumstances which may entitle any Farmer

Lands and  
Farms to be  
continued on  
Lease; and no  
Abatement of  
Rent to be  
made, without  
the License of  
the Governor  
General and  
Council.



to indulgence, the Collectors of Revenue shall have obtained your License for temporary forbearance, or for the absolute remission of any part of our Rents or Revenues; and we also direct, that such License do specify the reason for every indulgence or remission, the Name of the Person to whom made, the gross Amount of the Farm rented, and the specifick Sum or Sums received for, or in lieu of the whole; and it is our further Pleasure, that a regular Account be kept of all Sums finally remitted to Renters, and that you transmit such Account to us annually, under the head of *Abatements to Farmers*; accompanied with the general Rent-roll of the Provinces, for the Year in which such abatements may be made.

## XXXV.

Enquiry to be made into past Oppressions, and Regulations to be formed for preventing future Abuses.

We direct, that you immediately cause the strictest enquiry to be made into all Oppressions which may have been committed either against the Natives or Europeans, and into all Abuses that may have prevailed in the Collection of the Revenues, or any part of the Civil Government of the Presidency; and that you communicate to Us all Information which you may be able to obtain relative thereto, or to any Dissipation or Embezzlement of the Company's Money: And that you so soon as possible form such Regulations, as shall seem most effectual for the Remedy thereof, and for regulating the Police of the Country; paying the greatest Attention therein to the Protection and Welfare of the Natives, and to his Majesty's European Subjects, as well as to the Interest of the Company.

## XXXVI.

Company's Business in Bengal to be carried on as usual by Contract, and Preference given to the lowest Proposal.

As all the Company's business which can conveniently be performed by Contract, is so performed in Bengal; we have only to direct, that all Contracts, with the Conditions, be publickly advertised, and sealed Proposals received for the same; that every Proposal be opened in Council, and the preference given to the lowest, provided sufficient Security shall be offered for performance; and that all such Proposals, with all Proceedings thereon, be entered in a Book, to be kept apart for that purpose, and regularly transmitted to us.

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IN transacting the Business of your Department, it is our Order, that you enter, with the utmost perspicuity and exactness, upon Consultations, or Minutes of Council, all your Proceedings whatsoever, and all Dissents, if such should at any Time be made by any Member of your Board; together with all Letters received and sent in the Course of your Correspondence; and that broken Sets of all such Proceedings, to the latest period possible, be transmitted to us by every Ship; a complete Set at the End of every Year; and a Duplicate by the next Conveyance.

All Proceedings and Dissents to be entered on Consultations, and transmitted to the Court of Directors.

## XXXVIII.

WE direct, that all Monies which may arise from our Revenues, or be received by you on our Account, be secured under three Locks as usual; that the Keys be kept by the Governor-General, and such other Members of Council as you shall appoint, who shall be a Committee of Treasury; that exact Particulars of all Monies paid into our Treasury, be first regularly entered on your Consultations; specifying from whom received, and on what Account; and that all Issues of Money from our said Treasury be made by Warrant under your Hands, directed to the Committee of Treasury, and not otherwise.

New Committee of Treasury to be appointed, and all Issues of Money to be made by Warrant of Governor General and Council.

THAT all Applications for Money be made to you in Writing; and that all Pay-Masters, and other Persons, who may apply for Money in Advance, do at the same Time specify whether they have any of the Company's Money in Hand, and to what Amount; and also the particular Services to which the Money applied for is intended to be appropriated; and it is our express Order, that no Advance be made from the Treasury upon any Application which shall be deficient in any of the Circumstances above-mentioned. And We direct, that the Committee of Treasury prepare exact Accounts monthly, of all Monies received and issued by that Board: That the Monies in the Treasury be viewed monthly by those Members of the Council who may not be of the Committee of Treasury; and that they compare the Cash in the Treasury with the Balance of the said Committee's Accounts, and report their Proceedings to the Council at large; and we also direct, that the said Accounts, and Copies of all Receipts and Warrants, be transmitted to us by every Opportunity for our Information.

Paymasters and other Persons applying for Advances, to specify what Cash they have in Hand, before the Application be complied with.

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Former Orders of the Company to be strictly attended to, and carried into Execution.

It is also our exprefs Direction, that you not only ftrictly attend to the ftanding Orders of the Company, communicated to their Prefidency of Fort William, but to all fuch Orders and Inftuctions as the Court of Directors have tranfmitted to the Governor and Council, or Select Committee of the faid Prefidency; and in an efpecial manner to thofe which any ways relate to forming proper Statements of our Revenues, and to the keeping of our Treafury Accounts; and if any of our Orders remain unexecuted, you are to take care that the fame be carried into Execution, in every Inftance, wherein they have not been annulled by the before-mentioned Act of Parliament, or fuperfeded by our prefent Orders and Inftuctions.



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*Y*OUR Opinions are desired, whether these Instructions are legal,  
ana consistent with the Provisions of the Act of Parliament of the  
13th of His present Majesty, Ch. 63.

*We are of Opinion, these Instructions are legal, and consistent with  
the Provisions of the Act of Parliament of the 13th of His present  
Majesty, Ch. 63.*

14th January, 1774.

*Ja. Wallace*

*Rd. Jackson*

*J. Skinner*

*J. Dunning*

*C. Sayer*



Y. H. Johnson & Co. 1871  
New York City

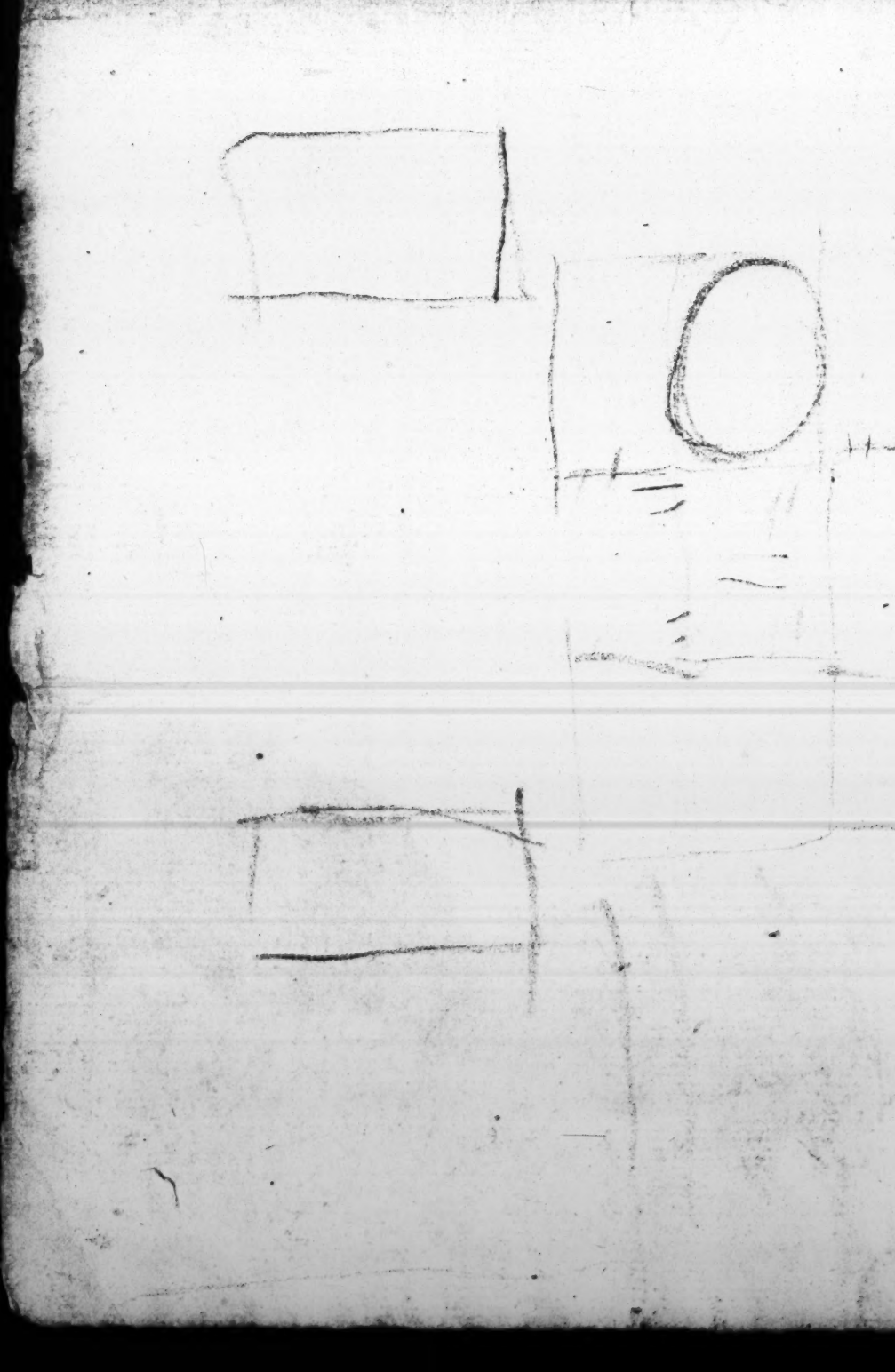
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INSTRUCTIONS

FROM THE

COURT of DIRECTORS

OF THE

United Company of Merchants of  
ENGLAND, Trading to the East-  
INDIES, to the Governor-General  
and Council of Fort-William, in  
Bengal.

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